

Sentenced and Lectured

Robertson Bros, Rossan and Snider Sentenced to Long Terms in Penitentiary.

His Lordship Lectures the Boys and Praises Detectives for Their Work.

William Robertson, six years. Snider, four years and nine months. Rossan, four years. Stewart Robertson, nine months.

Such were the sentences imposed this morning upon the gang of housebreakers who have been before the courts so often during the past few weeks.

The assize court was packed this morning by people who had come to hear sentence pronounced on the young men, Robertson Bros., Rossan and Snider, who had been found guilty on various counts of housebreaking, stealing, etc.

His lordship, Mr. Justice Walker, took his seat punctually at 10 o'clock and in his opening remarks to the prisoners said it was most unpleasant duty he had to perform, as he knew their parents, who were eminently respectable people.

It was also unpleasant on account of their youth, and if they had not been stopped by the police in their career of crime, it would probably have ended both sadly and fatally for them.

The judge then advised the prisoners to reform when their term of imprisonment was up and said that as they were strong, capable young men it would not be hard for them to earn an honest living.

The prisoners were then removed and the court adjourned.

His lordship, continuing, said he would deal with William Robertson first. He was the worst case of the lot, and he had been found guilty of breaking and entering Mr. Spencer's barn from where he had stolen some valuable robes.

The learned judge then asked Robertson what had become of the missing robes. Robertson replied that he had never seen it after the night upon which they were stolen, and said that Sammy Johnson had taken it.

His lordship said it had been disgraceful of the prisoners to take a youth of Johnson's tender age with them when they were making raids; it was virtually leading him to the door of the penitentiary.

Fortunately for him, young Johnson was ignorant of the mischief upon which they were bent; his evidence and demeanor in the box proved that he was innocent of any complicity of the crimes.

It was to be hoped that the boy would profit by the lesson and in future refrain from such companions. The statute authorized him to give the prisoner two or three years, but considering the number of charges he was inclined to deal leniently with them and would give the prisoner six months on that count.

In the case of Mr. Hassard's they had only been found guilty of having stolen goods in their possession, and had escaped the more serious charges of housebreaking and burglary. The sentence on that charge would be also six months.

The next count upon which they had been found guilty was that of having goods in their possession stolen from the shop of Mr. Pichon, and his lordship enumerated the various articles, comprising guns, knives, ammunition, etc., that had been found in their possession, and asked the prisoners what had become of the rest of the stolen goods.

Robertson replied that the police had got them all. The judge said that the prisoners had never attempted to help the police to recover the plunder and since they had been found guilty the police had recovered some stolen goods. This case, his lordship said, was the most serious of all. They had made a raid on the place at night in the boldest manner possible, but as they had pleaded guilty to this charge he would only give them six months, although he felt exceedingly inclined to give them twelve.

As they had also pleaded guilty to the charge of having stolen goods in their possession belonging to Mr. Maynard he would sentence them to six months on that count.

This next case was that of Mrs. Twade's and the learned judge said it was a most peculiar one, inasmuch as the articles stolen were of no use to them. He asked that the prisoners would state where the things could be found as Mrs. Twade was a poor widow woman and the articles necessary to her.

Johnson had taken them and he did not know where they were.

His lordship continued to say that Robertson had actually insulted the girl whom he had presented the stolen goods to by so doing. He would give him six months concurrent with the previous sentences.

For breaking into the houses of Messrs. Hall and Raitt he would sentence him to two years on each charge, the whole sentence making a term of six years' hard labor.

In referring to Snider the judge said the same remarks as made to Robertson would apply to him. He had committed perjury in the witness box and proved himself a perfect liar.

For the charge of entering Mr. Spencer's stable he would receive six months, and for the housebreaking committed at the residences of Messrs. Hall and Raitt, the same as William Robertson, viz., four years, making a total of four years and nine months for him.

Rossan was the next called and his lordship said that the fact of him turning King's evidence without any bargain being made with the police weighed greatly in his favor.

For Pichon's case he would receive six months; for Maynard's six months; for housebreaking in Messrs. Hall and Raitt's cases he would get twelve months for each, making the term of imprisonment four years.

Stewart Robertson, his lordship said, knew more than he had admitted, and in Mr. Pichon's case had been an accessory before the fact.

For stealing from Mr. Hassard he would receive three months and for Mr. Pichon's six, making nine months in all.

His lordship then said that before removing the prisoners he would like to speak of the detectives. They deserved great credit for their handling of the case and the thanks of the community was due to them for having stopped such a dangerous gang.

The prisoners also should feel thankful to the officers who had been the means of stopping them at this time, for undoubtedly, if they had gone on as they were doing, much worse fate would have been theirs.

They had been very dangerous because the neighbors had trusted them and expected them to watch and guard their property, instead of which they had pillaged and robbed them all.

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News Notes From Dawson

Californian Crushed to Death by Falling Rock on Bonanza Creek.

The Indian Murderers—Stampede Charged With Perjury—A Big Nugget.

The winter on the creeks around Dawson is not passing without its serious accidents. The death of Charles Peterson, of California, is reported by late arrivals.

He lost his life in a Bonanza Creek drift about the middle of January. He was working for W. H. Baker, claim 53 below discovery.

He went to work early in the morning in a drift that promised great riches when the pay streak was reached.

About 8:30 o'clock two or three yards of frozen gravel and rock tumbled down upon him. His body was horribly crushed and life was extinct when it was discovered.

J. Thomas of 7 below on Hunker Creek is suffering from concussion of the brain. He was struck by a rock with a wrist lass while hauling a bucket of golden gravel out of a shaft.

An application has been made at Dawson by Barristers H. C. Lisle and J. K. Sparling for a writ of habeas corpus in the case of the four Indians condemned for murder.

The grounds were at the trial Judge McGuire sat as a judge of the Supreme Court of the Northwest Territories, and that court passed out of existence on June 13, 1898.

They were tried July 28th and 29th, and the only court that had jurisdiction was the Yukon Territorial Court. It is held that Judge Dugas has not the right to deprive, as the prisoners were tried before the Yukon Territorial Court.

His decision will affect a number of important cases on the subject of jurisdiction. It will be remembered that a clever priest saved the lives of the Indians last November by insisting that they should not be hung on a holiday.

A white murderer, a Seattle man named Henderson, was also affected by the raprice. Henderson killed a Chinaman, the Rev. Post at the beginning of the Klondike rush.

As a result of the Stampede to Kentucky Creek some time ago a number of men are in the clutches of the law at Dawson, charged with perjury in that they reported a discovery of gold on Kentucky Creek. It is the intention of the officers to push all such cases vigorously and to make it very unsafe for all who violate this law in the future.

A mining deal of some importance was consummated late in January at Dawson when thirteen claims on the hill back of the well developed pair of mares owned by Harry McCloskey. It is understood that the purchase price was \$54,000.

The syndicate proposes to employ hydraulic methods in working the ground. The claims are unexplored, but in a very rich part of French Hill.

Another Large Nugget is credited to the claims owned by Stabler & Worden. This time it comes from 32 Eldorado, of which they are one-quarter owners. The nugget weighs \$315.80.

A well developed pair of mares were found at bedrock in one of the shafts of 17 A Eldorado. It was only a few weeks previous that a pair of horns belonging to an entirely different prairie were unearthed on a bench off 32 Eldorado.

A number of leotards have been made during the past week. Good pay has been found on the rim beaches of 44 below on Bonanza, which has caused a stampede for the upper bench claims.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Blaker at Fort Selkirk on January 1. This is the first white child ever born at that place.

VANCOUVER FIRE BOARD. The Vancouver fire and police board met last Monday, when the question of their aggregation was dealt with. The members were awarded as follows: Street fire engine, Waterworks Engine Company.

Ariel truck, Waterworks Engine Company. Hose, two thousand feet from Toronto.

Is This Your Story? Every morning I have a bad taste in my mouth, my tongue is coated, my back aches and I often feel dizzy. I have no appetite for breakfast, and what food I eat does not seem to give me any strength. I am getting so weak that some times I tremble, and my nerves are all astray. I am getting pale and thin. I am so tired this morning as to be unable to get up. What is the trouble? Impure blood. What is his remedy?

Ayer's Sarsaparilla. Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co. Lowell, Mass.

Gutta Percha and Rubber Company. 1,750 feet being "Eureka" hose, 2 1/2 in. 3-ply, at \$1.05 per foot; and 250 feet "Maltose Cross" hose, 2 1/2 in., 4-ply, at \$1.05 per foot; Mr. A. G. Kenney, agent.

A. G. Long, representing the "Champion" Chemical Fire Engine Company, the successful tenderer for the chemical fire engine, proposed that in case there should be a failure of funds, he would be prepared to make such terms of payment as might suit the convenience of the council.

This proposition was recommended to the favorable consideration of the council, provided that the interest on the note be fixed at 3 1/2 per cent.

NOT MUCH SMUGGLING. Optum Smugglers Find That Game Not Worth the Candle.

According to a man familiar with the business there is not so much opium smuggling going on now as there has been in the past. There are two reasons for this condition, the smaller profit in the business and the greater vigilance and knowledge of the customs officials—chiefly the former.

Opium costs from \$4 to \$4.50 per pound when made at Victoria; that which comes from China is worth about \$5. Now, the expense of smuggling will average about \$1.50 per pound. When the duty of \$6 per pound is paid, the total cost landed here or in Portland will be \$12 or \$13 per pound.

Opium smuggled in proved by the fact that one man purchases it in Portland for \$9 per pound. It is very certain that it would not be sold there at a loss, at least not for any length of time, and that has been the ruling price for some months.

It is considered that smugglers make from \$2.50 to \$3 per pound, which is a very small profit when their risk is taken into account. At the same time, the duty of \$6 per pound was made by them, and opium was brought over in large quantities. Consider the vast amount that was smuggled to Portland during 1898 by the Lorand-Dunbar outfit, they owned two steamships, which they ran between British Columbia and Portland. The smuggling done now is on a cheaper scale; there are no men of capital and standing in the business. They don't consider the profit large enough to offset the risk. So far as I can learn, there are practically no Chinese coolies being smuggled in. Doubtless some of them are brought through, but there is no wholesale smuggling.

LOOK WELL To The Boys and Girls If They Are Delicate and Sickly

Paine's Celery Compound Will Make Them Strong and Robust

Boys and girls who are ailing, weak and sickly are suffering from a weakened condition of the nervous system. The nerves are tired, the muscles of our heads aches, variable appetite, sallow skin, sunken eyes and skin troubles, be assured the blood is foul and thin, and nervous force is at a low ebb.

Children with the greatest stinging and persistent coughs. It has cured: of severe colds that have yielded promptly to its soothing effects, and of the dangerous attacks of croup if it has cured, often saving the life of the child. The extensive use of it for whooping cough has shown that it robs that disease of all dangerous consequences.

For sale by Langley & Henderson Pros., wholesale agents, Victoria and Vancouver.

SPANISH POLITICAL CRISIS. Premier Sagasta and His Ministers Tender Their Resignation.

Madrid, March 1.—Senor Sagasta has handed the resignation of the ministry to the Queen Regent. The cabinet crisis is expected to last for two or three days, as it will be necessary for the Queen Regent to consult the political leaders. In the meanwhile the chambers will adjourn till the next ministry is formed. The Ministerialists hope the Queen Regent will support Sagasta and dissolve the chambers.

KIDNEY-BLADDER TROUBLE. There is no more serious menace to good health in the present age than kidney disorders, and it's an appalling fact, but a true one, that four-fifths of the country's people have the taint of this insidious illness. Kidney-Liver Pills cure all kidney troubles.

A GRAVE CHARGE. Hamilton, Ont., March 1.—The Ecclesiastical court of the Anglican Church today investigated the charges of immorality preferred against Rev. Thomas Geoghegan, rector of St. Paul's church. The court is composed of Revs. Canon Bell, Canon Clarke, Canon Hall and J. Pennell. Revs. Line and Canon Bland and Forester acted as official prosecutors. The charges are preferred by Miss Annie Howe, formerly of Hamilton, lately of Buffalo, Rev. Mr. Geoghegan wholly and absolutely denies the charges, though he admits having perhaps acted imprudently in endeavoring to shield the girl, of whose family he was an old friend. The court sat in secret.

MANACLED. By Acute Indigestion Wealth Would Not Buy Freedom—South American Nervine Broke the Shackles.

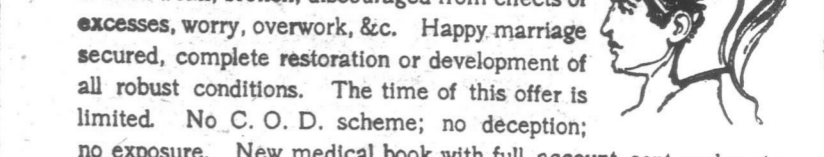
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NEW HOPE FOR THE DYSPYPTIC. Dr. Von Star's Pineapple Tablets are the HYPOPHOSPHITE of lime and cure. They contain no injurious drug or narcotic, work in the most delicate and sensitive stomach, aid digestion, stop fermentation of the food, good for the blood, good for the nerves, good for the brain, increase flesh increase, cure the stomach. 35 cents. Sold by Dean & Hisecks and Hall & Co.

The bones of an average male skeleton weigh 20 pounds, while those of a female are about six pounds lighter.

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WONDERFUL APPLIANCE and one month's remedies of rare power will be sent on trial, WITHOUT ANY ADVANCE PAYMENT, by the foremost Company in the world in the treatment of men weak, broken, discouraged from effects of excesses, worry, overwork, &c. Happy marriage secured, complete restoration or development of all robust conditions. The time of this offer is limited. No C. O. D. scheme; no deception; no exposure. New medical book with full account sent under plain letter seal without charge. Address ERIE MEDICAL CO., 64 Niagara St., Buffalo, N. Y.



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VIKTORIA CITY MARKETS.

The most noticeable feature of the markets this week is the great scarcity and the lively demand for chickens. The ambitious poultry raiser is just now consumed with visions of a profitable flock of birds.

In produce, bran and shorts remain high. Other staples remain at the old figures.

Wheat, per ton 25,000.00 Corn (white), per ton 22,000.00 Oats (cracked), per ton 27,000.00 Oats (whole), per ton 25,000.00 Rye, per 100 lbs. 4.00 Barley, per 100 lbs. 4.00

Hay (baled) per ton 10,000.00 Straw, per bale 5.00 Middlings, per ton 24,000.00 Bran, per ton 22,000.00 Ground feed per ton 25,000.00

Butter (cream), per lb. 12.00 Eggs (fresh), per doz. 25.00 Butter (Dixie creamery), per lb. 12.50 Butter (Dixie creamery), per lb. 13.00 Cheese (Dixie), per lb. 12.00

Salmon (smoked), per lb. 20.00 Salmon (spring), per lb. 12.00 Oysters (Dixie), per lb. 12.00 Oysters (Eastern), per lb. 8.00 Halibut, per lb. 12.00

Herring, per lb. 6.00 Sardines, per lb. 6.00 Pickled fish, per lb. 5.00

Beans (Manitoba), per doz. 25.00 Butter (Dixie creamery), per lb. 12.50 Butter (Dixie creamery), per lb. 13.00 Cheese (Dixie), per lb. 12.00

Ham (Canadian), per lb. 15.00 Bacon (Canadian), per lb. 14.00 Bacon (rolled), per lb. 14.00 Bacon (long clear), per lb. 8.00

Wool, per lb. 12.00 Soap, per lb. 10.00

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Aginaldo's Soldiers Are Being Disheartened at Their Recent Repulses.

Large Shipment of Arms and Ammunition Seized on a Spanish Steamer.

New York, March 3.—A de la Herald from Manila says: "The result of recent action. Manila's army is disheartened and the result of recent action. Manila's army is disheartened and the result of recent action."

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